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Report from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Smith reports, January 7:

During the week ended January 2 supplemental bills of health were granted to 4 steamships, and 1 original bill of health was granted to 1 steamship.

There were inspected 155 members of crew and 269 steerage passengers. Twenty-two members of crew and 59 steerage passengers were bathed and disinfected. Their effects were disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 139 and of bedding 64. Manifests were viséed for 57,155 pieces of freight, amounting to 4,841 tons.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *Manchuria* for Honolulu, passed 27, recommended for rejection 9; steamship *Chiyo Maru* for Honolulu, passed 28, recommended for rejection 1; steamship *Chiyo Maru* for San Francisco, passed 4, recommended for rejection none.

MEXICO.

Report from Mexico City—Yellow fever at Merida and in vicinity of Maxcanu.

The following is received from Dr. Eduardo Liceaga, president of the superior board of health, under date of January 27:

During the week ended January 23, 1 death from yellow fever occurred at Merida; 1 case of yellow fever at San Bernardo plantation, 9 kilometers distant from Maxcanu, and 3 cases and 2 deaths at Maxcanu.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Cholera and smallpox—Organization for sanitary inspection—Inspection of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer McClintic reports, December 13 and 22:

Week ended December 12.

Two new cases of cholera with 1 death and 3 new cases of smallpox with no deaths were reported for the city of Manila.

During the week reports of cholera in the provinces were received by the bureau of health as follows:

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Rizal	2	2	Antique	29	18
Bulacan	8	6	Laguna	3	3
Leyte	59	59	Cagayan	14	7
Ilocos Sur	25	22	Ilocos Norte	32	17
Capiz	93	51	Zambales	3	3
Palawan	2			
Cavite	2	2	Total	279	194
Iloilo	7	4			

During the week consular bills of health were issued at the city of Manila as follows:

December 9 the British steamship *Sungkiang*, with 67 in the crew and with 21 passengers, en route from Hongkong and Amoy to Cebu and Iloilo, was granted a supplemental bill of health. The crew and

steerage passengers were bathed and disinfected at the Mariveles quarantine station on arrival at this port. December 9 the British steamship *Kumeric*, with 70 in the crew, was granted a bill of health for the port of Tacoma, via China and Japan ports. The crew and cargo were inspected and passed.

December 22. During the week ended December 19 the only quarantinable disease reported for the city of Manila was one case of cholera, with no deaths. It is therefore evident that cholera has practically been stamped out in this city. A few sporadic cases still occur in the adjoining provinces. In order to forestall a possible recrudescence or reappearance of the disease in the city of Manila, the bureau of health has organized a permanent force of sanitary inspectors and divided the city into sanitary districts for this purpose. The 5 large sanitary districts into which the city was formerly divided have been maintained with an inspector in charge of each, but these districts have been further divided into a total of about 70 subdistricts, and a subinspector has been assigned to each. It will be the duty of these inspectors to look after the general sanitary condition of closets, lavatories, and sinks; to see that garbage is properly disposed of and that the water used is from the city water supply and not from shallow wells or stagnant pools; and after the inspection is made to have a card placed in each house inspected showing date of inspection and condition of premises.

By means of this organization a force of sanitary inspectors will be available to the bureau of health should another epidemic occur. This has not been the case in past epidemics, which has proven a great handicap to the health authorities in their fight against the disease.

During the week the following cases and deaths from cholera were reported as having occurred in the provinces:

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Rizal.....	4	7	Antique.....	27	21
Bulacan.....	3	2	Laguna.....	7	5
Ilocos Sur.....	45	31	Ilocos Norte.....	43	26
Capiz.....	47	27	Cagayan.....	12	5
Palawan.....	1	1			
Cavite.....	7	6	Total.....	196	131

During the week consular bills of health were issued at the port of Manila as follows:

December 15 the United States Army transport *Sheridan*, with 191 in the crew and with 318 passengers, was granted a bill of health for San Francisco via Nagasaki and Honolulu. The crew and steerage passengers were bathed and their effects disinfected at the Mariveles quarantine station. All baggage and cargo were either disinfected or passed after inspection. All persons on board were inspected at the hour of sailing. December 17 the British steamship *Ning Chow*, with 89 in the crew, en route from Tacoma to Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health. December 17 the French steamship *Kouangsi*, with 61 in the crew, en route from Shanghai to Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection.